

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 1-21 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 22-32 were previously canceled. No claims are being amended or added. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 33-44 are now pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 33-44 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-21 from non-elected Group I have been canceled. (Applicant notes that claims 22-32 from non-elected Group II were previously canceled in the communication filed January 9, 2008. In this regard, it is noted that the claim amendments filed on January 9, 2008 are assumed to have been entered, i.e., because they are described as having been entered on page 2, lines 2-3 of the Office Action, and because claim amendments filed prior to final rejection are entered as a matter of right.)

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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